

trainings and acquired knowledge of expertise. Some of those assignments are: narcotic investigations, high level fugitive investigations and searches, and special homicide cases.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring MSgt. Jeris Davis for his dedication and service as a public servant in the field of law enforcement. I am proud to have him as a resident of the Mississippi Second Congressional District.

CELEBRATING THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF CHATHAM

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very special occasion for the Borough of Chatham, New Jersey. Located in Morris County, the Borough is celebrating the 300th Anniversary of its establishment.

Prior to the first colonial settlers arriving in the area in 1680, the Lenni-Lenape Indians helped create trails that would eventually lead Europeans to the area in 1680. In 1715, a land transaction gave 1,200 acres to John Budd, a Philadelphia merchant who would farm the land. Just six years later, that same merchant owned all of the land of what today is the Borough of Chatham.

In 1773, the name Chatham was given to the village in honor of William Pitt, the first Earl of Chatham. During the Revolutionary War, Chatham played an instrumental role in the success of the Colonists. Not only did Chatham and surrounding towns help stop further westward British advancement, but it was also used to fool the enemy. General Washington constructed a full-scale base of operations including brick ovens large enough to appear to be able to bake 3,000 loaves of bread to feed the troops.

What is seen as the most important event in Chatham's history occurred on September 14, 1837. This is when the first steam train of the Morris & Essex Railroad Company arrived in the Borough. This event improved both commerce and travel time to all towns along the line.

On March 1, 1897, Chatham became the first New Jersey village to become incorporated as a borough. The improvements of electric lights, water and sewage plants, installation of gas lines, and even the beautification efforts can be attributed to the first council of the Borough and its first Mayor, Frederick H. Lum. The Borough has continued to grow and flourish.

In 2005, Chatham was named "One of the Top Ten Places to Live in the United States" by Money Magazine. Chatham's rich history and patriotic residents make Chatham Borough an extraordinary community in our nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Chatham for its 300 year Anniversary of its establishment, and wish the Borough and its residents many more years of continued success and celebration.

HONORING THE TEXAS COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Texas County Memorial Hospital in Houston, Missouri.

Texas County has reported 29 tornados since 1950, five in the last eight years. With this, the Texas County Memorial Hospital saw great need for a way to protect citizens during severe weather, and a great opportunity with their hospital. From there, in 2013, the idea of a community safe room was born. After securing state and federal grants, as well as donations from community members, and just over a year and a half of construction, the project is complete and ready for use.

The safe room has 4,000 square feet of climate-controlled space that is designed to withstand 250 mile per hour winds and provide shelter for up to 462 people. The safe room will be great for the Houston area in times of emergency. Additionally, the safe room can be utilized as a meeting space during non-threatening weather times, which provides an even greater asset to the Houston community.

For the many years of service to others and commitment to future safety, it is my pleasure to recognize the Texas County Memorial Hospital of Houston before the United States House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING CDR KERWIN E. MILLER, USN (RET.)

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak to a changing era in the District of Columbia. Tonight, at the Columbia Heights Education Campus, CDR Kerwin E. Miller, USNR, Ret., Chair of our District of Columbia Service Academy Selection Board, conducts his last Service Academy College ceremony as Chair for recognition of new appointees to the Service Academies and recruitment of District of Columbia high school students for future years. After 10 distinguished years of service as Chair, CDR Miller passes his baton to David P. Gragan, our current Vice Chair.

CDR Miller, a graduate of U.S. Naval Academy Class of '75, joined the Service Academy Selection Board under my predecessor, Walter Fauntroy, in 1986. He has served during my congressional service since 1991 as a board member, as Vice-Chair, and since 2005, as chairman.

In those 10 years, CDR Miller has directed his formidable energies toward District of Columbia students, encouraging them to join him on the road leading to the inestimable opportunities afforded by an appointment to one of the five Service Academies of United States.

During his service, CDR Miller has been an inspirational figure and a highly effective chair. Not long ago, for example, there were years in which few, if any, students from the D.C. public schools applied for the nominations. As always, we were pleased and proud to have our

private and parochial school students. Tonight, D.C. will feast on a more diverse harvest of CDR Miller's leadership as he and I present certificates of appointment to the U.S. Military, U.S. Naval, U.S. Coast Guard, and U.S. Air Force academies to nine D.C. students. Four of our appointees attended D.C. public schools and one attended a D.C. public charter school.

When CDR Miller becomes Chairman Emeritus of our Selection Board, he will not "retire." In continued devotion to the Academies and to recruitment of the finest to serve, he will remain on our Service Academy Selection Board, and, in addition, he will work with the academies on an effort to increase Academy nominations from Congressional Black Caucus member districts. He will join with Academy graduates like Pat Locke, the first African-American woman to graduate from West Point, to help advise CBC members concerning recruitment of their constituents to take advantage of the educational and career opportunities offered by the Service Academies.

The District of Columbia is very fortunate that CDR Miller has not worked alone. He achieved his success in collaboration with the hard work of the other members of our Selection Board, David P. Gragan, USAFA '77, Vice Chair, Timothy M. Ash, USAFA '00, Lewis D. Baker, USMA '91, Capt Holly D. Childs, USAFR, USAFA '06, Lt Col Patrick Clowney, USAF (Ret), USAFA '94, O.V. Johnson, Daniel J. Keenaghan, USMA '00, George R. Keys, USAFA '70, Past Chairman, Mr. Charles B. King, III, USMA '94, Riaz K. Latifullah USMMA '78, Laila Linares, USMMA '06, Merita Carter, Pierpont Mobley, Ofc. James N. Rimensnyder, DCMP, USMA '05, Prof. Barbara J. Smith, Joel C. Spangenberg, USNA '00, Michael B. Velasquez, USNA '89, and Harry Wingo, USNA '88.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding service of CDR Kerwin E. Miller, in congratulating David Gragan on becoming Chair, and in thanking the members of our D.C. Service Academy Selection Board for their dedication and service to the District of Columbia, to the U.S. Service Academies and to the nation.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR. EARL J. MORRIS

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding individual, Mr. Earl J. Morris, of Owingsville, Kentucky, for his distinguished military service during World War II. Mr. Morris, a part of the greatest generation, served our nation in the United States Army.

Mr. Morris left the comforts of home and family on November 6, 1944 for Camp Shanks, New York. He then boarded a ship and left for the European Theater of Operations. He served in Belgium, France, Holland, and Germany. His unit first engaged the Germans on Christmas Eve of 1944 in Biren, Belgium. During the fighting in Europe, he and his fellow soldiers endured below zero temperatures, terrible snowstorms, hunger, fatigue, and heavy enemy fire. He fought in the Battle